

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Monday, June 19, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding implementation of the Renewable Fuel Standard in the 2005 Energy Bill and the future potential of biofuels such as biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol, and E85.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact John Peschke at (202) 224-4797, or Shannon Ewan at (202) 224-7555.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the hearing previously scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the National Park Service's Revised Draft Management Policies, including potential impact of the policies on park operations, park resources, wilderness areas, recreation, and interaction with gateway communities.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161, David Szymanski at (202) 224-6293, or Sara Zecher at (202) 224-8276.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 574, a bill to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act; S. 1387, a bill to provide for an update of the Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, to extend the authority of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, to authorize the undertaking of a special resource study of sites and landscape features within the Corridor, and to authorize additional appropriations for the Corridor; S. 1721, a bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes; S. 2037, a bill to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and S. 2645, a bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEETCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, June 12, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding the implementation of sections 641 through 645 of The Energy Policy Act of 2005, the next generation nuclear plant project within the Department of Energy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, June 12, 2006, at 3 p.m. to hold a hearing on the U.S.-Uruguay Bilateral Investment Treaty.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the staff mem-

bers of the Committee on Armed Services—both Republican and Democrat—appearing on the list that I send to the desk be extended the privileges of the floor during the consideration of S. 2766, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The list is as follows:

Charles S. Abell
Richard D. DeBobs
June M. Borawski
Leah C. Brewer
William M. Caniano
Jonathan D. Clark
Fletcher L. Cork
Christine E. Cowart
Daniel J. Cox, Jr.
Madelyn R. Creedon
Marie Fabrizio Dickinson
Regina A. Dubey
Gabriella Eisen
Evelyn N. Farkas
Richard W. Fieldhouse
Creighton Greene
Micah H. Harris
Bridget W. Higgins
Ambrose R. Hock
Gary J. Howard
Gregory T. Kiley
Jessica L. Kingston
Michael J. Kuiken
Gerald J. Leeling
Peter K. Levine
Sandra E. Luff
Derek J. Maurer
Michael J. McCord
Elaine A. McCusker
William G.P. Monahan
David M. Morriss
Lucian L. Niemeyer
Stanley R. O'Connor, Jr.
Cindy Pearson
John H. Quirk V
Benjamin L. Rubin
Lynn F. Rusten
Catherine E. Sendak
Arun A. Seraphin
Jill L. Simodejka
Robert M. Soofer
Sean G. Stackley
Scott W. Stucky
Kristine L. Svinicki
Diana G. Tabler
Mary Louise Wagner
Richard F. Walsh
Pendred K. Wilson

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator REID, I ask unanimous consent that Robin Tibaduiza, a Defense Fellow in his office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator MCCAIN's legislative fellow, Navy LCDR Damien Christopher, be granted floor privileges during the debate on this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Mark Brunner, a military fellow in my office, for the duration of the Senate's debate on S. 2766, National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. That having been done, I ask unanimous consent for privileges of the floor for Mark Brunner, a military fellow in my office, for the duration of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, June 13. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for up to an hour, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; further, that following morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2766, the Defense authorization bill, as under the order. I further ask that the Senate stand in recess following the vote on the previously ordered amendment until 2:30 p.m. to accommodate the weekly policy luncheons and the official photograph for the 109th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, the official Senate photograph of the 109th Congress will be tomorrow. We need to encourage everyone to be prompt and to be in their seats at the appropriate time right after the policy luncheons.

Today, the Senate turned to the Department of Defense authorization bill. Senators who have amendments should be consulting the bill managers so they can get in the queue to offer their amendments. We can expect the first vote of the day tomorrow afternoon at 12:15. This vote will be on the Zarqawi amendment to the Defense authorization bill.

Senators are reminded that tomorrow at 3:30 p.m., we will have a cloture vote on the Stickler nomination; that is, to head the Mine Safety and Health Administration. This week we also will address an emergency supplemental appropriations conference report. And, finally, for the third time I reiterate, the photograph for the 109th Congress, for the Senate, will be tomorrow at 2:15 p.m., and we ask that all Senators be seated in the Chamber no later than 2:15, right after the policy lunches.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous con-

sent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:54 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 12, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MARGO M. MCKAY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, VICE VERNON BERNARD PARKER.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

MARC SPITZER, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2011, VICE NORA MEAD BROWNELL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RANDALL M. FORT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH), VICE THOMAS FINGAR, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

LISA GODBEY WOOD, OF GEORGIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, VICE DUDLEY H. BOWEN, JR., RETIRING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

STEPHEN S. MCMILLIN, OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE JOEL DAVID KAPLAN.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

DRUE PEARCE, OF ALASKA, TO BE FEDERAL COORDINATOR FOR ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE TERM PRESCRIBED BY LAW. (NEW POSITION)